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Mayor's Report

by Mayor John D. Link

The Edgewood Senior Center at Freedom Park is expected to be complete by the end of June at which time we'll have an Open House for all residents to tour the center.

City Council has authorized our architects to proceed with the final design of the new city building, which will house the police, fire and administrative offices. Once the designs are finished the bidding should take place in late April and if the cost are within our budget construction will begin in late May. The project will take 12 to 14 months to complete.

The Turkeyfoot Road construction is anticipated to begin again once the weather starts to warm up. The project will include five lanes with sidewalks on both sides of the street, as well as a bike path along the shoulder. Our portion of the project should be completed in late 2005.

Freedom Park's ice rink and the snowy hillsides really saw a lot of use this winter, both young and old had a good time. Hopefully spring will arrive in the next few weeks and winter will be a distant memory.

Thanks to the recreation committee for coming up with two new events for 2004, the 1st annual Mayor's Golf Outing and an amateur garden contest and tour. Please read Recreation Rap for further details on all the upcoming events.

I'd like to welcome all the new residents that have chosen Edgewood as your home, we're glad you are here. Hope to see you at one or more of the events; we'll have a good time.

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ANNUAL MYSTERY DINNER

"The Curse of the Edgewood Mummies"

The 9th Annual Mystery Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Kenton County Golf Course. Kentucky Jones, the world famous archaeologist, has just discovered a heretofore-unknown treasure! Deep in the ground underneath Edgewood, Kentucky are ancient caves containing some 270 mummies. "Kentuck", that's what his friends call him, feels that the Edgewood cave system is somehow linked to the Mammoth Caves in the western part of the state. Each of these mummified humans has been lovingly preserved and then covered in sarcophagi, which are apparently golden! This find could lend credence to Kentucky Jones's theory that there was an ancient colony of either Egyptian or Celtic colonies right here in the good old US of A. Not only that, he has also found a secret door, sealed for centuries which leads to who knows what other treasures. Today, he is leading a party of experts and archaeological types to open that doorway and reveal the treasures within. The cost per person is \$20.00 (a great deal) and includes the mystery, dinner, dessert and soft drinks. Cash bar will be available at the golf course. The reservation deadline is Friday, March 5. Please see the enclosed reservation flyer. For further information please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

EDGEWOOD NIGHT WITH THE MIGHTY DUCKS

Edgewood Night with the Mighty Ducks is scheduled for Saturday, March 27th, 7:35 p.m., at The Cincinnati Gardens. The Ducks are playing the Cleveland Barons. The first 2.500 fans through the gate will receive a FREE Mighty Ducks of Anaheim hat. The ZOOperstars will also be performing. Order forms are available at the city building or call 331-5910 for further information.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Presidents Park will be held on Saturday, April 3, at 2:00 p.m. The egg hunt is for children ages 3-8 and will include a visit from the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny will be available after the hunt for pictures at the Washington Pavilion. There will be special prize eggs in each age group. You can redeem prize eggs at the Washington Pavilion. In case of inclement weather, children can still visit with the bunny and receive their eggs under the shelter. PARKING IS LIMITED. ARRIVE EARLY. THE HUNT STARTS PROMPTLY AT 2:00 P.M. NO PARENTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE HUNT AREA. Please keep the enclosed flyer.

SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Summer Recreational Softball Leagues are being offered on the following nights: Men's -

Wednesdays and Coed – Sundays. League play will begin May 5. The entry fee is \$350. Entry deadline is April 16. Registration forms and rules are available at the City Building. Leagues will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis,

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

A Recreational Summer Coed Volleyball League is being offered on Wednesday evenings beginning May 5. The entry fee is \$150. Entry deadline is April 16. Registration forms and rules are available at the City Building.

AEROBIC CLASSES

Aerobic classes are being held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Fire Department Hall. You should bring an exercise mat or towel. There is a \$1 fee per class. No pre-registration required. Classes run through March 27.

GOLF OUTING

Please join us at the 1st annual "Mayor's Golf Outing" on Friday, May 21 at the Devou Golf Course. The scramble/shotgun start will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will include 18 holes with cart, door prizes and a steak dinner. Please see the enclosed registration form. Get your foursome together and come out and enjoy a great day of golf with Mayor Link and your city council members. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. If you have any questions or need any further information please contact Kim Wolking at 859-331-5910.

GARDEN CLUB

The Edgewood Garden Club "At the garden's edge" and the city are sponsoring the 1st Annual Amateur Gardener Recognition Award. The contest will recognize amateur gardeners whose personal dedication and love of gardening creates beautiful spaces, large and small, that are an inspiration to all who see them. The garden should be maintained and representative of gardening at its best. The nominee must agree to have his/her name submitted and to have the judges visit the garden to evaluate it. Nomination Forms will be available in the next newsletter or you may pickup one at the city building. If you have any questions please call Kim Wolking at 331-5910.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY SENIOR GAMES - MAY 8TH - 18TH

From 18-hole golf to bowling to basketball to horseshoes, the Northern Kentucky Senior Games offers something for everyone. This year a Fishing Derby is being planned for May 8. Other events include doubles tennis, spin casting, corn hole, miniature golf, shuffleboard, billiards. Frisbee toss, basketball free throw, disc golf, lawn bowling, and track and field events. Everyone 50 and older is invited and it only costs \$10 to participate in all events. Medals are awarded for top three finishers in each age group. For more information, call 859-283-1885.

COME JOIN US!

Once again it is time for the Edgewood Fire/EMS Fish Fry. We would like to extend an invitation to all. There will be plenty of good food, fun and friendliness. Come socialize with your friends at the firehouse as well as your neighbors. This event will start Friday, 2/27/04 and continue for a total of 7 weeks. The hours are from 5-8 PM in the lower level of the firehouse. We offer both dine in or carry-

Our menu has a nice variety and includes:

DINNERS: FISH DINNER. .\$ 5.50 BEER BATTERED FISH DINNER SHRIMP DINNER\$6.00 BAKED FISH DINNER .\$6.25 Dinners with choice of: White OR Rye Bread Macaroni/cheese OR Slaw and Fries OR onion rings Ala carte items:

FISH SANDWICH - WHITE OR RYE BREAD	\$ 3.75
EXTRA ORDER FISH (No bread)	\$ 3.00
EXTRA ORDER BEER BATTERED (2 pcs - No bread	\$ 3.75
SHRIMP	
BAKED FISH	\$ 4.50
FRIES	\$ 1.50
ONION RINGS	\$ 1.75
MACARONI AND CHEESE	\$ 1.00
SLAW	\$ 1.00
BRATT	\$ 1.50
HOT DOG	\$ 1.00
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CHIPS	\$.50
Varied desserts also available	

Proceeds from the fish fry will be used for our college scholarship fund, firefighters hardship fund and other needs of the department.

Feel free to bring family and friends. We hope to see you there and thank you for your support!

BABY MANAGEMENT COURSES

Officer Terry Chinn will host a Baby Management Class for children 12 and older this spring. Information about the classes will be distributed at the Reminder

local schools. If you have any questions please call Officer Chinn at 331-5911.

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What is Carbon Monoxide (CO)? It's an odorless, colorless gas produced by burning fuel. In the home, dangerous levels of CO can occur if fuel-burning appliances are:

- Not Working Properly CO can build up if furnaces, water heaters and other appliances are: improperly installed or maintained, damaged & not working properly for any reason.
- Used Incorrectly People must use fuel-burning appliances:

According to the manufacturer's instructions, with proper ventilation, only for their intended purpose and if operating instructions and safety warnings are not followed; a serious CO problem can develop.

Why should I learn about Carbon Monoxide (CO)? CO could poison you and your loved ones if it builds up in your home. Each year, hundreds of people die from CO poisoning and thousand more become ill and require medical treatment. Of course some people are more at risk from CO poisoning, older people, children, people with heart or lung diseases but anyone can suffer from CO poisoning.

What are the symptoms? The symptoms may be mistaken for the flu or other illnesses. At low levels you may have a headache, suffer fatigue, sleepiness, weakness, become nausea, confusion and may even have trouble breathing. For Example, you have headaches or feel sick when you are in the house but when you go outside to school or work you feel fine, this could be a good sign of possible trouble.

What can I do? Get fresh air immediately. Everyone should get out of the building at once. Call 9-1-1 for help. Have your home checked by your local utility or a qualified professional. Your best line of defense and prevention is to install a Carbon Monoxide Detector, have at least one installed in your home. Feel free to contact Fireman Joe at the Fire Department for more information or suggestions on how to keep vour home safe.

Edgewood Police Participate in Project ChildSafe

by Chief Tony Kramer

The Edgewood Police Department is pleased to announce that it is participating in Project ChildSafe. According to its website (www.projectchildsafe.org), the purpose of the program is to:

• promote safe firearms handling and storage practices among all firearms owners through the distribution of key safety education messages and free gun locking devices (firearms safety kits). The program is supported by a U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) grant, the National Shooting Sports Foundation, and is a component of Project Safe Neighborhoods.

The department recently received 300 firearms safety kits to distribute to residents of the city. Due to limited numbers and an

expected heavy demand, the locks will be distributed on a first-come. first-served basis and will be limited to two (2) kits per household. Safety kits are available on a walk-in basis at the police department, but it is suggested that you call prior to coming to ensure an officer is in the building.

Additional information on the program is available on its website.

